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1. A recording medium comprising:  
a first recording area on which recording information  
is recorded as a set of one or more recording unit;  
a second recording area on which control information  
for controlling the recording information to be recorded on  
the first recording area is recorded; wherein  
said recording area includes a bit rate recording area  
that records a bit rate.

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2. The recording medium according to claim 1  
wherein

said recording information includes at least a video  
data and an audio data;

An apparatus for recording recording information on a  
recording medium comprising:

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3. The recording medium according to claim 1  
wherein the identifying information comprises first  
identifying information for editing the recording  
information at every recording unit, second identifying  
information for protecting the recording information at  
every recording unit, third identifying information for  
providing a logical erased condition at every recording unit,  
and fourth identifying information for providing a physical  
erase at every recording unit.

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4. The recording medium according to claim 3  
wherein the first identifying information and the second  
identifying information are mutually changeable, the first  
identifying information can be changed to the third

identifying information, and the third identifying information can be changed to the first identifying information under a predetermined condition, the fourth identifying information allows changing from the first identifying information and the third identifying information.

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5. A system for recording information on a recording medium having a first recording area on which recording information is recorded as a set of one or more recording unit, and a second recording area on which control information for controlling the recording information to be recorded on the first recording area is recorded, comprising:

control means for recording identifying information on the second recording area, said identifying information being provided for identifying a management condition of the recording information recorded on the first recording area at every recording unit.

6. The system according to claim 5 wherein the control means reproduces the identifying information recorded on the second recording area, thereby providing information of the management condition at every recording unit.

7. The system according to claim 5 wherein the identifying information recorded by the control means comprises first identifying information for editing the recording information at every recording unit, second identifying information for protecting the recording information at every recording unit, third identifying

information for providing a logical erased condition at every recording unit, and fourth identifying information for providing a physical erase at every recording unit.

8. The system according to claim 6 wherein the first  
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